

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Lonnie D. Lindsey** )  
) **Art Unit: 2814**  
Serial No.: **Unassigned** )  
) **Examiner: Palmer, Phan**  
Filing Date: **July 25, 2003** )  
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Title: **System and Method for Coupling and** )  
**Redirecting Optical Energy Between** )  
**Two Optical Waveguides Oriented** )  
**at a Predetermined Angle** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 25, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a divisional of the parent patent application filed on April 19, 2002 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/126,914 on behalf of the inventor John D. Lindsey, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

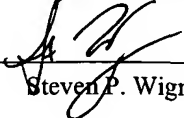
**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

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